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FOR A/SY/FO FROM RSO

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SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO CHANCERY

REF: PHNOM PENH 12757

1. REFTEL SENT TO EA/EX ON SEPT 23 WITH A REQUEST FOR A \$6,000 INCREASE IN POST ALLOTMENT TO COVER SEVERAL SECURITY RECOMMENDED OFFICE MOVES IN THE CHANCERY.

A. RELOCATION OF CONSULAR OFFICE - CONSULAR FUNCTIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO EXISTING UNCLAS MAIL/TELETYPE ROOM ON SOUTH END OF CHANCERY GROUND FLOOR. SEPARATE ENTRANCE FOR VISITORS TO THE CONSULAR OFFICE WILL DIVERT PEOPLE FROM MISSION LOBBY WHICH IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY. CONSULAR TRAFFIC, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL, WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY SEALED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE CHANCERY. OF GREAT CONCERN IS THE CONTROL OF CONSULAR VISITORS IN THE CHANCERY LOBBY DURING "ROCKET ATTACKS." DURING SUCH ATTACKS, WHICH ARE DEFINITELY ANTICIPATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE AMBASSADOR AND ALL OTHER PERSONNEL MUST TAKE REFUGE IN THE LOBBY. THIS CAUSES OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR SECURITY.

B. RELOCATION OF SECURITY OFFICE - WITH THE CONSULAR MOVE, THE SECURITY OFFICE (RSO) WOULD BE RELOCATED TO THE FORMER CONSULAR SECTION, ADJACENT TO THE CHANCERY LOBBY. RSO
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IS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. THE

RELOCATION HAS POSITIVE ADVANTAGES.

C. WITH THE ABOVE MOVES, THE UNCLASS MAIL/TELETYPE ROOM MUST BE RELOCATED. THE RELOCATION OF UNCLASS MAIL FUNCTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE CHANCERY BUILDING WILL CURTAIL THE CONTROL PROBLEMS FACED BY THE MARINE SECURITY GUARDS. AT PRESENT, ALL APO POUCHES, INT'L MAIL PACKAGES ETC. ARE CLEARED THROUGH THE LOBBY.

2. EA/EX HAS RESPONDED TO REFTEL, STATING THAT ALLOTMENT CANNOT BE INCREASED AT THIS TIME. RSO DEFINITELY BELIEVES IN SECURITY ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY STATED OFFICE RELOCATIONS. POST ADMIN OFFICER, ARTHUR GOODWIN, WILL BE IN WASH ON OR ABOUT NOV 11. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF FO COULD ASSIST MR.GOODWIN IN OFFERING SY SUPPORT WHEN THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECTS ARE DISCUSSED WITH EA/EX.
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